Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) under the provisions of Sick Industrial Companies (Special Provisions) Act, 1985. While preparing the revival package for HFC for submission to the BIFR, it has been observed that the revamp of the Haldia project would not be techno-economically feasible. Since its revival would require the setting up of a new plant entailing an additional investment of Rs. 910 crores approximately, it has been decided to consider the option of attracting private capital for its rehabilitation. However, any final decision on the revival of HFC, including its Haldia Project, would depend upon the outcome of the proceedings before the BIFR, which is a quasi judicial authority.

Shortcomings of Educational System at Primary Level

1932. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the shortcomings of the educational systems at the primary level;

(b) the manner in which Government propose to overcome the shortcomings; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION) (DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI): (a) to (c) The Programme of Action (POA) 1992 which was placed on the Table of the Sabha contains a comprehensive analysis of the shortcomings of the primary education system and outlined the strategies for overcoming them. The progress in the implementation of various centrally sponsored programmes initiated in pursuance of the Programme of Action is set out in the Annual Reports of the Ministry.

The National Programme of Nutritional Support to Primary Education launched recently is the latest initiative which is intended to improve attendance in primary schools. Over a three year period, all government, local body and private aided primary schools (Classes I—V) would be covered. In 1995-96, 2412 Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS)/ Revamped Public Distribution System (RPDS) blocks, 37 Low Female Literacy (LFL) Blocks in Punjab and 9 blocks in notified slums in Goa, Delhi, Pondicherry and Chandigarh will be covered.

Utility of Maps of land use survey

1933. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the districts in Maharashstra about which maps of land use survey and its utility in Agriculture have been published;

(b) whether copies of all these maps will be given to Members of Parliament who desire it; and

(c) the manner in which these maps can be put to agricultural use?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHD. AYUB KHAN): (a) Soil Resource Map of the entire state of Maharashtra has been prepared on 1:250,000 scale. From this map, Land use maps Nagpur and Ahmednagar Districts in Maharashtra have already been culled out and published by the National Bureau of Soil Survey & Land Use Planing, Nagpur.

(b) yes, Sir.

(c) Soil Resource Map is helpful in generating thematic maps on various soil aspects such as erosion status, profile moisture, depth, physical & chemical constraints and for deducing conservation measures and planning agriculture developmental activities at the state/ district level.